

One hundred years ago, a group of Chicago lawyers shared a vision of legal education. They believed that there existed "the need for a school where men and women compelled to earn their own livelihoods could get a legal education." That vision became a reality when the John Marshall Law School opened its doors in 1899 with three students.

Over the years, the John Marshall Law School has added to its vision of legal education, most notably through several innovations. It has expanded the curriculum to include cutting-edge programs and degrees; it has increased its students services to include legal and writing professionals skilled in training students for the practice of law; and it has improved the law school facilities to include a three-building campus with a moot courtroom complex, a computer classroom, lecture halls and a modern conference center.

As the John Marshall Law School has succeeded through a century of opportunity and innovation, its alumni have reaped a legacy of achievement. Their success are a tribute to the John Marshall Law School . . . A Legacy of Opportunity, A Lifetime of Achievement.

LT. GERALD D. WHEATON TO
RECEIVE THE BRONZE STAR

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, September 26th, I plan to be present—votes permitting—for a long overdue ceremony in Ripon, Wisconsin, for a true American hero.

It was December 15, 1967. Most Americans were getting ready for Christmas. But 1st Lieutenant Gerald D. Wheaton's artillery battalion had just taken over a position near Chu Chi in South Vietnam previously assigned to another battalion. Wheaton was the Battalion Ammunition Officer, and he knew he had a job on his hands when he found that his predecessor had left him with broken boxes, mixed lots, and in some cases missing charges. So he got to work—a time consuming and exacting job. The battalion had no ammunition trucks, so he had to beg and borrow vehicles for resupply.

Six weeks later, the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong violated a ceasefire in order to launch their mammoth surprise Tet offensive throughout the Republic of Vietnam. The first days of the offensive were chaotic. Wheaton's brigade was given the mission to keep the main supply route open from Quang Tri Province to Camp Evans about 30 miles away. A North Vietnamese regiment attacked the garrison at Hi Lang and cut the supply road to Camp Evans.

Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee, Jr. (then a Major) says:

I ordered Lt. Wheaton to move his ammunition section from Phu Bi to Quang Tri City and be prepared to resupply C Battery in the vicinity of Quang Tri City, a battery in the vicinity of Hi Lang and a 155 battery at LZ Jane. The batteries were approximately thirty miles apart. Lt. Wheaton loaded his section on two helicopters. At the time, we were not aware of the magnitude of the Tet offensive. The helicopters came under heavy ground fire and one turned back. Lt. Wheaton insisted his helicopter continue the mis-

sion. Lt. Wheaton's decision ensured his battalion was resupplied with ammunition.

Keeping his own battalion and a reinforcing artillery battery resupplied was a monumental challenge which Lt. Wheaton met despite great personal risk from land mines, sniper fire and ambush. Indeed, later Lt. Wheaton was seriously injured when his jeep drove over a land mine. His passenger was killed.

As a result of his efforts before and during the Tet offensive, Col. Lee believes that Lt. Wheaton's actions saved the lives of many American soldiers, so he recommended Lt. Wheaton for a Bronze Star.

But then, nothing happened. During the hectic days following the offensive the original recommendation was somehow misplaced.

During a reunion, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Lee learned that Lt. Wheaton had failed to receive the recognition he was due. So in July of last year Col. Lee contacted my office to see if we could right a wrong and help with a resubmission of the recommendations for Lt. Wheaton's awards. I was happy to help. The Army requires extensive procedures to make sure the awards it makes are merited, but over the course of a year we were able to demonstrate our case.

On Saturday, September 26 at 11 a.m. at the Ripon, Wisconsin VFW I plan to be on hand to offer my personal gratitude to Gerald Wheaton. We will be joined by Col. Lee and by Wheaton's former Battalion Commander, Col. (Ret.) William Malouche as Gerald D. Wheaton receives the Bronze Star for meritorious service, and the Bronze Star with a "V" Device for valor. I believe Lt. Wheaton deserves the full measure of recognition and congratulations that can be extended by this House on behalf of a grateful nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and as a result missed rollcall votes Nos. 447, 448, and 449.

Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 447, "no" on rollcall vote No. 448, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 449.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN WALLACE

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Wallace on his being honored as the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Humanitarian of the Year. Mr. Wallace has distinguished himself as a dedicated member of the community and is a highly regarded member of the media.

John Wallace grew up in San Rafael, California and went on to accomplish great things for himself and his community. A graduate of the University of Arizona, the College of Marin and the Borden School of Radio, John served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve

before coming to the Central Valley and KYNO Radio. Currently the host of "47 This Morning" on KJEO-TV, John's Career has spanned 31 years and 15,000 broadcasts ranging from famine in Ethiopia to the Gulf War live from the Middle East. He and his wife Cheri have 5 children: Taylor, Carson, Cameron, Paige and Cassandra.

Dedicated to excellence in journalism and with a strong devotion to his family, John finds the time to serve his community in numerous capacities. He currently is in his sixth term as President of the Foundation for Clovis Schools. Additionally, John is a board member of West Care Inc., the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and Chairman of "Journey into Sherwood," a Valley Children's Hospital benefit. In the past, Mr. Wallace had the honor of serving as President of the California Raisin Bowl, President of the Fresno State "Time Out Club," and as a member of the Fresno Police Activities League.

John Wallace is no stranger to honor, as he is continually receiving recognition for his outstanding dedication to community service. He was voted Leadership Fresno's "Alumnus of the Year" in 1989, in 1993 John was voted "Clovis Citizen of the Year," and in 1996 received the Volunteer Bureau's "Angel Award." John Wallace has proven himself a distinguished community leader.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to John Wallace for his selection as the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Humanitarian of the year. His service to the people of the community is unsurpassed and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing John Wallace many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO THE 1998 RETIREES OF THE STERLING HEIGHTS FIRE FIGHTERS UNION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday September 25, the Sterling Heights Fire Fighters Union will host their Annual Dinner-Dance honoring their 1998 retirees.

It is my distinct privilege to recognize the five retiring firefighters for their outstanding contributions to humanity. Fire Marshall Frederick B. Cowper's important contributions to his community include implementing educational and prevention programs for camps and local school districts. Battalion Chief Anthony Maltese has spent his career raising public awareness and providing courage and expertise in emergency situations. Captain James L. Tworck has received recognition for his compassion, professionalism, and knowledge while performing his duties. Finally, Captain Michael J. Rudolph has taken on a variety of responsibilities throughout his career and received the Department Award of Valor in 1983.

These gentlemen have demonstrated acts of heroism and have performed above and beyond the call of duty. Indeed, the people of Sterling Heights have been well-served by their untiring care and concern.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these gentlemen for their dedication, accomplishments and years of service.